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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Offer to Go On National Public Radio

1. On 30 April I received a phone call from New York City from Kempton Dunn of the Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Dunn said he was aware I was speaking on China at the CFR on 12 May. He asked if I would be available to talk on National Public Radio (NPR) (a nonprofit radio network devoted in large part to education). It would be a 15 to 20 minute interview with Pauline Frederick and would take place at 1615 just before my talk at the CFR. He said that NPR had 168 stations but these stations were largely autonomous and he did not know how many would pick up the program. Dunn said he would write me a letter the week of 3 May to outline his plans.

2. I told Mr. Dunn this was an unprecedented request in my case. I would have to consult with my superiors and therefore could give no commitment at this time. He said he completely understood the delicacy of this matter; however, if I agreed, I could talk to them first in Washington and work out an agreed scenario here before going to New York City. Mr. Dunn then gave me a short sales pitch on the value of educating the public on China and the importance of drawing on "Chinese expertise" for this purpose. He then commented that he had heard Mr. Bush and myself in New York on China at the CFR and was impressed with that kind of exchange.

3. I reported this approach to Angus Theurmer right away and requested his guidance on how this matter should be handled. STATINTL

  
National Intelligence Officer  
for China

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The following things occur to me in connection with the offer to [ ]

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Whether [ ] should speak or not depends a great deal very much on what he is going to say. If he's bordering on the policy side, somebody's nose might be out of joint elsewhere in government.

This would be a new departure for us. If we want to start having Agency officers speak on the radio, the National Public Radio might be an unobtrusive way to start. If we're going to hear any flak around the Administration about this sort of thing, it would be better to have it come as a result of NPR exposure than from NBC exposure.

Pauline Frederick was not born yesterday and would not necessarily be a pussy-cat interviewer.

In an interview situation, there is no actual text.

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Although [ ]'s interview could be considered an extension of the DDI practice of talking to scholarly groups, it's a quantum extension, you might say. A network interview, even on an "educational" network, is not the same as talking colleguely before a scholarly group.

Then there is the question, as [ ] himself knows, of a DDO career officer being so "on purpose" in public.

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*These all add up -- now there're  
written down, to "Let's not."*

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